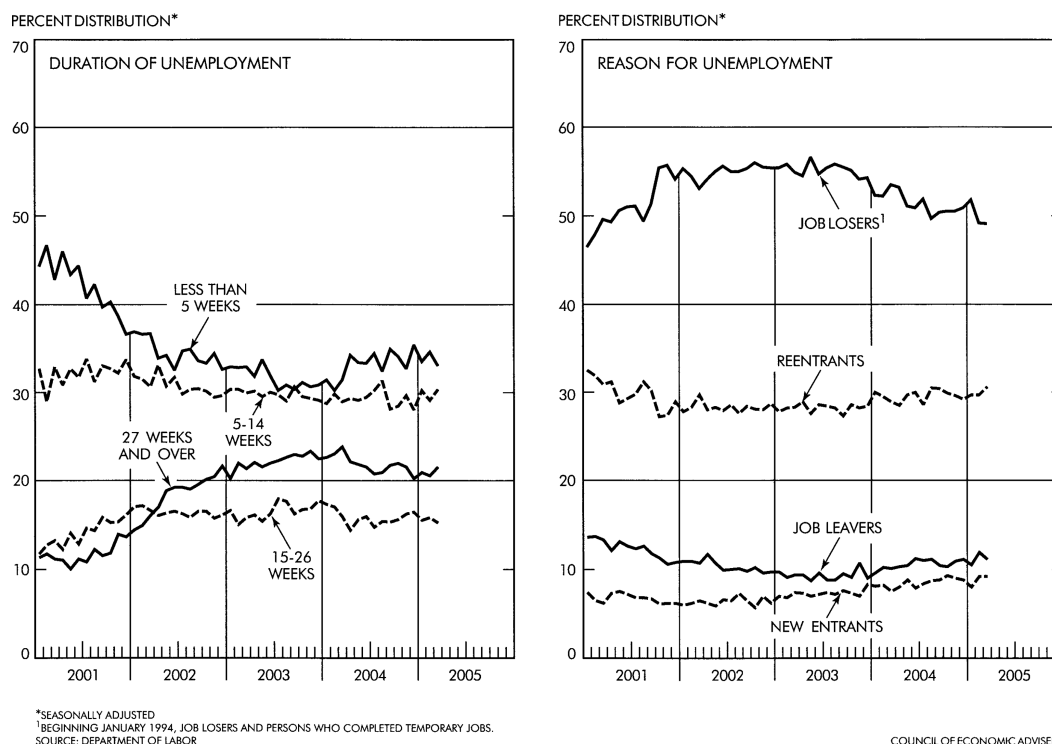


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In March, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 19.5 weeks and the median duration was unchanged at 9.3 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over									
						Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2004: Mar	8,330	31.4	28.9	15.9	23.8	19.9	10.2	53.5	10.1	28.9	7.5	3,036	344	3,571
Apr	8,143	34.2	29.3	14.4	22.1	19.7	9.4	53.2	10.3	28.5	8.0	2,982	345	2,971
May	8,172	33.4	29.1	15.6	21.8	19.8	9.9	51.1	10.4	29.7	8.8	2,938	344	2,844
June	8,228	33.3	29.4	15.9	21.5	19.8	10.8	50.9	11.2	30.0	7.9	2,924	343	2,869
July	8,184	34.4	30.2	14.7	20.7	18.5	8.9	51.9	11.0	28.6	8.4	2,888	340	2,724
Aug	8,018	32.4	31.3	15.4	20.9	19.2	9.5	49.7	11.1	30.5	8.7	2,875	339	2,914
Sept	8,005	34.9	28.1	15.3	21.7	19.6	9.5	50.4	10.4	30.4	8.8	2,846	343	2,401
Oct	8,066	34.1	28.4	15.6	21.9	19.7	9.5	50.5	10.3	29.9	9.3	2,797	339	2,426
Nov	8,020	32.7	29.6	16.2	21.5	19.8	9.8	50.5	10.9	29.6	9.0	2,756	336	2,621
Dec	8,047	35.4	28.0	16.4	20.2	19.3	9.5	50.9	11.1	29.2	8.8	2,738	332	2,693
2005: Jan	7,737	33.5	30.2	15.5	20.9	19.3	9.4	51.8	10.5	29.7	8.0	2,723	329	3,654
Feb	7,988	34.6	29.1	15.8	20.5	19.1	9.3	49.2	11.9	29.7	9.2	2,674	309	3,258
Mar	7,656	33.0	30.3	15.2	21.5	19.5	9.3	49.1	11.1	30.6	9.2	336

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted insured and initial claims data reflect annual revisions.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).